

The Social World

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SCOUTS HONOR . . . Mrs. Foster Kelly and Miss Jo Anne Weber, leaders, give new Girl Scouts of Troop 538 a look at the framed Girl Scout Promise. The seven girls whose entry into the Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA troop marks their initial participation in Girl Scouting are, seated, left to right, Beryl Welch and Mary Lou Tompkins; standing, left to right, Marie Jordan, Mimi Snow, Darline Harrison, Sue Foster, and Patsy Cochran. Investiture ceremonies were held Saturday night at the YWCA. (Herald photo)



LET'S GO . . . says little Charlotte Flagg, dressed in pink cotton, as she hands a purse to Mrs. Robert Moffitt, who wears a casual sand-brown suit. Linda Flagg is all ready for a party in ruffled green. The three, along with Miss Geron Kettering, Judy Minor, and Debra Agapito, will model spring and summer styles tomorrow night at Wakeria Recreation Hall at 7:30 o'clock. Open to the public without charge, the show is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department.

Creative Family Living



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THE PRE-ADOLESCENT (Third in a series on child growth and development).

There is a host of material and research available on other stages of growth and development; however, the pre-adolescent level is sadly lacking in available data for parents.

With Dr. Gessel's new book in the offing, perhaps parents will be able to gain insight into this particular stage of growth. One other book I recommend for parents of this age level is Allen's "The Preadolescent," which you should be able to secure from the public library.

Being the parent of a pre-adolescent is perhaps the best authority on the subject since there is so little data in print. I qualify on that count!

STAGE OF PREPARATION

This is an age level of preparation for adolescence. We formerly handled the problems of the adolescent from approximately age 12 onward and put age 11 in the five to 10 bracket. De have discovered, however, that the child between 11 and 13 has needs that differ from those on either stage of growth—ahead-of-or-behind him.

As such, he deserves study and appreciation in his own right. He is neither an older child or a teenager; he is what the clothing manufacturers have labeled "sub-teen"—perhaps a good term.

CAN REGRESS

The maturity and growth levels exhibited at 10 can often fade away by 11 and 12, miraculously as it may seem. Many in this age level appear to regress in their behavior.

There can be much fidgeting, ties can appear, biting of fingernails is common. Some have been known to go back to thumb sucking (if that was part of their pattern). Voices are loud and shrill, there is much giggling (among girls), much banter, and you should expect a rabid interest in jokes and funny stories. Humor begins to be a part of the child's life; he makes use of it; can "catch on" to many stories with abstract points in them now.

DOES NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WELL

The pre-adolescent in the first phase of this level does not respond well to responsibility. His seven-year-old sister might do better. He forgets to make his bed and do many of the tasks that you thought he had realized were part of his contribution to the household (without reminders).

Stay with it. Use hints, signs, and other visual reminders if you can; he's not entirely lost. By 13 he is again somewhat back on the track.

Girls of this stage should already have had full preparation for puberty and the changes it will bring in their bodies; some may already be into these changes. (Continued next week).

QUESTION FROM A READER

At what age should a child begin to receive an allowance? There are no other children in the family and my son is five years old. Mrs. L. J.

ANSWER

Since your youngster has no older sisters or brothers, to set the pattern you can begin at around six to give a small amount—five cents at the most (no strings attached).

Sometimes with young ones it is a good idea to get three baby food cans and paint them in bright colors, labeling one "to spend," another "to save," and the third, "to share." Allow the child to distribute the pennies as he wishes.

With each birthday and ability to handle money, the child's allowance should be increased. Older children should receive more than younger brothers and sisters.

SPEND AS HE PLEASES

The allowance can include such items as Sunday School offerings, dues for Scouts, etc., if desired; however, there should be a small amount for spending as he pleases; this should not ever be withdrawn as punishment. It is his share of the family abundance and it is important that he feel secure in it no matter how small it may be. Use other means of deprivation.

Arrangement should be made for the child to earn small amounts about the house by doing various tasks so as to increase his basic amount if necessary. I do not believe that children should be paid for their part in sharing in the normal maintenance of the household, carrying for their toys, bedroom clothes, setting the table, etc. This is their contribution to the household, just as daddy goes to work and mother prepares the meals, etc. Extra jobs can, as I said, be allowed for, though.

QUESTION

Can you send me a copy of My Dear Ego?—Mrs. W. V.

ANSWER

Much as I would like to make reading material available to readers, due to handling cost, etc., it is not advisable. This book is available at your public library, however, or if not I feel sure they would be happy to secure it for you.

Hold Parent-Youth Banquet

The five commissions, Christian Faith (worship), Christian Fellowship (evangelism), Christian Outreach (missions), Christian Citizenship (community service), and Christian Fellowship (recreation) themed a parent-youth banquet staged by the MYF of the First Methodist Church last Sunday night. Wayne Hollins, youth president, served as master of ceremonies, introducing such program highlights as group singing led by Harold Holmes; the evening.

Goff, Strand Link Names In Betrothal

Plans for a June wedding are being made by a local pair, Miss Carol Jean Goff and Robert W. Strand.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Goff, 3776 Lincoln Ave., is a '52 graduate of Torrance High School. She currently is employed at National Supply Co.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and



(Photo Arts photo)

MISS CAROL GOFF Announces Engagement

Mrs. A. W. Strand, 1639 W. 220th St., attended San Pedro High School with the class of '47 and is in business with his father, a local painting and decorating contractor.

Both are now attending classes at El Camino College and plan to make their home in the Harbor area after the wedding.

Local Scouts Honored at Camporee

Boy Scouts of Troop 315, sponsored by the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge No. 785, walked off with top honors when 16 troops from Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington, Harbor City, and San Pedro gathered at Griffith Park for a District Camporee last weekend.

The 26 members of the troop participating came out first in knot-tying, signaling, rescuing, and other requirements for merit badges. Bob Cooper is Scoutmaster.

Twenty-two boys represented the four patrols of Torrance Boy Scout Troop No. 214 at the Camporee. The troop was honored by having its flag selected as the district banner, and the color guard, under the direction of Senior Patrol Leader Mike Gonta, consisted of Chuck Williams, Ned Morang, and Butch Cowan.

All four patrols won the warrior award for scoring 400 or more points out of a possible 600 in the various scouting skills. Apache Patrol was judged best in No. 241.

HONOR CO-LEADER AT SCOUT INVESTITURE

Miss JoAnne Weber, assistant leader of Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA's Troop 538, received special recognition Saturday night when investiture ceremonies were held at the YWCA.

Presenting the award was her grandmother, Mrs. Florence Grambling, chairman of the troop committee, who took Miss Weber to her first Girl Scout meeting several years ago.

Others honored at the event were Mesdames Foster Kelly, the leader, and Donald Anderson, Dave Hagan and Forest Cato, committee members.

Investiture of seven girls who were making their initial entry into Girl Scout work also featured the evening. Welcomed into the sisterhood were Marie Jordan, Mimi Snow, Beryl Welch, Mary Lou Tompkins, Darline Harrison, Sue Foster, and Patsy Cochran.

Carol Kelly received her fourth year pin, while Kathie Vaughan, Judy Hagan, and Virginia Anderson, received one-year pins. The entire troop, which also includes Susie McKiernan, Diana Cato, and Daline Goode, received world pins.

New-weds John Millards To Establish Home Here

Planning to make their home here when they return from a honeymoon at Yosemite and San Francisco are the new Mr. and Mrs. John William Millard, who exchanged vows last Saturday at morning services in Nativity Catholic Church.

Millard, son of the Jay Millards, 23162 Hawthorne Ave., claimed Miss Marilyn Lynn Johnson, daughter of the Merrill B. Johnsons of Inglewood, as his bride. For the ceremony, she chose a traditional white lace gown.

Past Oracles to Meet

Mrs. Vertie Grimm will open her Portola Ave. home to members of the Past Oracles Club on Tuesday, May 10. Mrs. Belva Brase, publicity chairman, reported this week.

Session will begin at 8 p.m. and conclude with canasta games.

Attending as matron of honor was Mrs. Vincent Lovell in a pale yellow gown of net and lace. Bridesmaids, Mesdames Jack Smith, Robert Jensen, and Terry Franks, were gowned alike in blue net and lace.

Miss Carrie Lovell completed the bridal entourage as flower girl in a blush pink net gown.

At the groom's side as best man was Vincent Lovell, while taking ushers' posts were Jack Smith, S. Frasca, and Ray Hutson Jr. Father P. J. McGuinness read the marriage service.

For the post-nuptial reception, held at Knott's Berry Farm, the bride's mother chose a gray suit with black accessories, while the mother of the groom selected a navy blue suit with pink accessories. Both accented their costumes with corsages of pink camellias and rosebuds.

The new Mrs. Millard was educated at Washington High School while her husband is a graduate of Narbonne High School.



HONEYMOON BOUND . . . New Mr. and Mrs. John William Millard are shown as they climb into a flower-bedecked car bound for a honeymoon at Yosemite and San Francisco. Couple, wed last Saturday, plans to live here. (Dixie Lee photo)

Five Generations Gather Here to Fete Mrs. Harper

Five generations were in on the fun last Sunday when Mrs. T. C. Creighton, 1417 Madrid Ave., hosted a birthday party for her mother, 81-year-old Mrs. Eva Harper.

Mrs. Harper's two other children, Ray and family, 1519 Acaia Ave., and Mrs. Andrew Stewart and family of Montebello; three grandchildren, Mesdames Charles Peterson, 18815 Hawthorne Blvd.; Ivan Coleman, 1908 Middlebrook Rd.; and Carl Collins of Compton; five great-

grandchildren, Mrs. Carl Carter of Burbank, Virginia and Rodney Collins, Ronnie and Susan Coleman; and two great-grandchildren, Gary and Cindy Carter, were among family members attending.

A former neighbor, Mrs. Margaret Collins of Compton, and a great granddaughter-in-law, the new Mrs. John Collins, also attended. The bride, the former Miss Virginia Darnell, daughter of the R. L. Darnells of 223rd St., and Collins, formerly of Torrance, were married at the home of her parents on Apr. 9.

The new Mrs. Collins is a senior at Banning High School and will join her husband, '52 Torrance High graduate now stationed with the U. S. Navy at Great Lakes, when the school term ends this June.

Mrs. Harper's family also includes another grandchild, Mrs. Herman Stanfill of Fullerton, and great-grandchildren Gregory and Chris Stanfill and Mrs. Adrian Kerr of Compton.

IOOF SLATES MEET

Trio Subordinate IOOF Lodge No. 495 will meet at 8 o'clock Monday evening, May 9, at the Torrance Woman's Clubhouse, 1427 Englewood Ave., with Noble Grand Warren Powers presiding.

After the brief business session, members will adjourn to the convention in Long Beach.



FIVE GENERATIONS . . . are pictured here in the persons of Mrs. Eva Harper, center; her daughter, Ida (Mrs. T. C.) Creighton, right; her grand-daughter, Erma (Mrs. Charles) Peterson, left, her great-granddaughter, Eileen (Mrs. Carl) Carter, seated on floor at left; and her great-great-granddaughter, five-year-old Cindy Carter. The 81-year-old woman, who was honored with birthday celebration at the 1417 Madrid Ave., Creighton home Sunday afternoon, holds another great-great-grandchild, two-year-old Gary Carter. (Herald photo)